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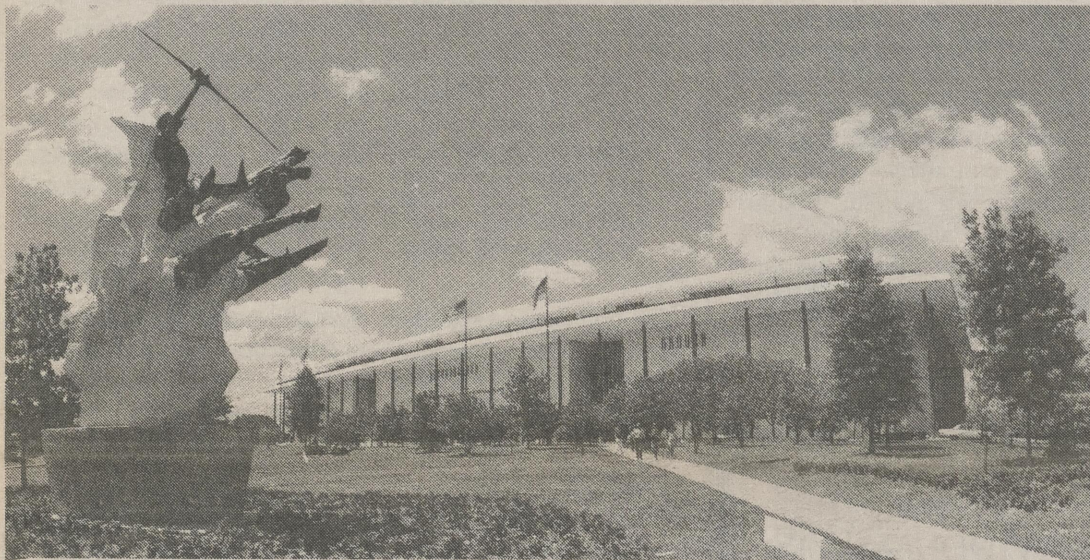
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The Kennedy Center Goofs

By Kerry H. Stowell



The proposed "Park and Ride" project, initiated by the Kennedy Center as a temporary solution for parking patrons during renovation of its 1500 parking spaces now available, has been put on hold because of design inaccuracies. The Center now finds itself in an embarrassing situation: The tram turnaround is not big enough for the tram. The contractor miscalculated the size of the tram footprint.

The original proposal was two-phased: (1) to provide 200 extra parking spaces outside the Kennedy Center garage during its renovation, which was done by building a new lot across from the main entrance (which curiously provides 240 spaces); (2) to build a new "park and ride" facility for patrons who parked at the Columbia Plaza garage to bring them to the Center faster than previously.

Phase two, the "park and ride" for Columbia Plaza parking patrons required that a new off-street seven-foot tramway would run between a pick-up point near Columbia Plaza to the Kennedy Center and back.

To accommodate these plans, one of the last remaining small green parks in Foggy Bottom had to be ripped up to make room for the tram turnaround.

A shuttle bus already went between Columbia Plaza and the main entrance of the Kennedy Center, the center staff said that "patrons complained that the shuttle bus was too slow, and did not run often enough." Why did they not solve the problem by running the existing shuttle bus more often? Did they really need to spend all that money on a new tram service? Did they really need to tear up our green park?

At no time was the community involved in the initial planning. The National Park Service allowed the plan to proceed, on the grounds that it was a "temporary" operation until renovation was completed at the garage. Why was the community not brought in to participate? Is three years really "temporary"?

The original coordinating committee involved the center, the D.C. Department of Public Works, the National Capital

Planning Commission, the D.C. Office of Planning, the General Services Administration, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. No community representative was asked to participate. Does the D.C. Government really represent the people when a community is shut out of the development and review of a proposal that affects an immediate residential neighborhood?

How expensive has this mistake been? Will any one really tell us? The Kennedy Center volunteer newsletter reported that "the tram system will not be pursued." This was incorrect. A subsequent telephone interview with Gerry Otremba of the Kennedy Center verified only that "the vehicle failed to meet specifications" and "that particular vehicle (approach) is over."

Does this mean that the project continues? Phase one, the parking lot across from the Center, has been completed. Phase two, the tram and turnaround goof, is "all in the hands of lawyers," says Otremba.

Will Cable TV Ever Come To Foggy Bottom?

If you are wondering if you'll live long enough to see cable TV in Foggy Bottom, come to the FBA Meeting Monday, February 25. Mr. Richard Mulsby, head of D.C.'s Office of Cable Television, will be the speaker and answer your questions.

Appointed to his present position in 1984, Mulsby is a native of Nebraska who has lived in Washington since 1969. A graduate of the University of Nebraska with a B.A. in radio and television, he also holds a master's degree in mass media and communications from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Prior to joining the Barry Administration in 1979, Mr. Mulsby pursued a 15-year career in broadcasting and film production in Buffalo and Washington, D.C. Mayor Barry appointed him Director of the newly created Office of Motion Picture and Television Development in September, 1979. In that position he promoted and facilitated on-location production in the District.

As head of the City's cable office and a member of the Mayor's Cabinet, Mulsby has day-to-day regulatory oversight of the system's construction and operation. In addition he is responsible for managing and programming the government's channel on the system, City Cable 16. In 1988, the channel was selected as the best municipal channel in the country by the National League of Cities.

Prior to Mulsby's presentation, Gilda M. Warnick, Consumer Information Specialist, D.C. Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs, will give a short talk on radon.

Foggy Bottom Association MEETING

Speaker:

RICHARD MAULSBY

D.C. Office of Cable Television

**8:00 P.M. Monday
February 25, 1991**

**St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.**

(Next Meeting: Monday, March 25)

Be My Neighbor (#1)

Fashionable Foggy Bottom can be a downright hostile neighborhood.

Foggy Bottom residents vented their frustrations Monday night at a town meeting with GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. Listening to their complaints with patience and understanding, we nevertheless feel compelled to state what Trachtenberg must have been thinking: How can you be so ungrateful?

GW has done much to benefit Foggy Bottom. Property values are higher here than in surrounding areas because of the University. Instead of being a neighborhood in decay, Foggy Bottom is a neighborhood on the move, with business and commerce pouring into the area — because of its location near the university.

Foggy Bottom residents enjoy the benefits of additional security paid for by GW. Our school's medical center provides health care. Lisner Auditorium provides culture. The Smith Center is open to Foggy Bottom residents to use and enjoy for free — a perk even students don't have.

This goes without mentioning the jobs and the commerce that GW provides for area residents. GW is not a drain on the neighborhood, it is a vital center and a major benefactor to it.

Some residents claim that the University is a major source of noise. But GW, by any standard, is a relatively dormant campus. Students can't have a loud party, let alone a riot, before University Police and the D.C. Metropolitan Police come along to break it up.

It would be nice if GW and Foggy Bottom residents would try to live in harmony. There are 17,000 students who live and/or go to school here, and most of them treat their neighbors with respect and dignity.

Won't you be my neighbor?

Reprinted from *The GW Hatchet*, December 6, 1990

Be My Neighbor (#2)

In the last issue of the *News*, we reprinted the article which appeared in the *GW Hatchet* after President Trachtenberg's appearance at the Foggy Bottom Association meeting. Many attending were impressed with Trachtenberg's frankness, were equally frank with him, and the exchange boded for some softening of attitudes.

But the *Hatchet* and its young editors call us ungrateful, and say we are bad neighbors.

The *Hatchet* says we are prospering only because of our proximity to GW. Could it be that the general movement back to the city might have played a small role in our area's appeal?

Yes, the hospital helps, but appears to do little to make itself a part of the Foggy Bottom community, as does Columbia. (Remember the helicopter pad plan?) And if the Smith Center is open to us for free, it is a fairly well-kept secret.

Yes, noise is a major bone of contention, and it is probably true that parties on campus are broken up. But, Mr. or Ms. Editor, what about those off-campus?

It's hard to be neighborly when your home is being disturbed for the umpteenth time by student "neighbors" who, despite polite requests, continue to disturb their neighbors **and brag about it?** And when the GW administration says it's not their problem even if it's their property.

Interestingly, Georgetown University seems to take some responsibility, and has set up a mechanism to help neighborhood residents. This at a school which also houses a large percentage of its undergraduates on campus. Could there be a message in that?

Ellie Becker

Douglas N. Schneider, Jr.

Douglas Schneider, former D.C. director of transportation, died in January at his home in Bellevue, Washington. Schneider, who served from 1975 to 1980, was a leader in downgrading the city freeway movement and in diverting funds to rapid-rail, virtually saving the area's Metro system. He is also credited with establishing the Dept. of Transportation's own parking enforcement division.

Foggy Bottom has its own "monument" to his transportation philosophy. The unused ramps from the Whitehurst Freeway just west of 26th Street were designed for an inner-loop freeway which he helped block. (The destruction of these ramps is part of the current renovation plans for the Whitehurst.)

According to *The City Paper*, "the Barry administration went brain-dead on this issue (maximum support of public transportation) soon after . . . Douglas Schneider left in 1980," and his successor "allowed the city's streets to be treated like just another collection of suburban access roads."

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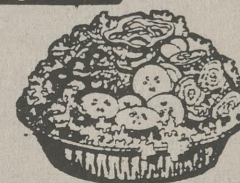
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Citizens Continue Strong Support Of Cooper House Appeal

The proposed Cooper Houses development not only dwarfs the historic houses but also towers over the neighboring buildings. Our attorney is proceeding with filing the brief in support of the appeal initiated against the Board of Zoning Adjustment's order and with prosecuting this appeal to conclusion. About \$2000 is still needed for legal expenses.

An appeal has also been filed against the decision by the Mayor's Agent for D.C. Law 2-144 governing Historic Landmark & Historic District Protection.

The financial support from such a large number of Foggy Bottom residents is probably unprecedented in the history of our neighborhood and has clearly indicated that the community is determined to use all avenues available to it, including the judicial process, to preserve the character of our neighborhood. This action will send a clear signal to developers and the city that the Foggy Bottom community is willing to fight to protect itself. Please continue to help.

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Free Tax Assistance at Library

The American Association of Retired Persons is providing free tax assistance for older persons at the West End Library. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays until April 10, the Tax-Aide/TCE program will provide help from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor meeting room. Seniors are advised to bring their last income tax returns and current tax materials. The library is at 24th & L Streets, N.W. Phone 202-727-1397.

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Effective Ways of Handling Harassing Telephone Calls

Tips from OPC*

Caller ID is no panacea for stopping harassing telephone calls. Consumers can effectively handle harassing telephone calls by using the following techniques:

• **JUST SAY HELLO.** Get into the habit of just saying "hello" once when you answer the phone. Avoid answering by stating your name, and if you are receiving nuisance calls tell family members not to give out the family residence name.

• **DON'T PARTICIPATE.** Don't search for a response from the caller by asking "Who is this?" or "Can I help you?" The caller will know you are upset, which is the response the caller wants. Don't talk with the caller.

• **DON'T SLAM THE PHONE.** The caller can feel rejected if you gently hang up the phone or depress the button with a finger. Slamming down the receiver tells the caller you are bothered.

• **PAPER TRAIL.** Keep track of annoying calls, especially if they are persistent, by writing down the date and time of each call. This helps authorities (if they are needed) with their investigation.

• **TAKING ACTION.** If the harassing calls continue contact your phone company's annoying call department for further advice. The number is listed in the introduction of the White Pages. The utility may suggest putting tracing devices on your phone to capture the originating number of the caller. The phone

company may take action against the caller, and you can seek legal remedies. You may have to file multiple complaints before the phone company acts.

• **THREATENING CALLS.** Immediately call police if you get a call that threatens a life.

• **SOLICITATIONS.** Be more polite to sales callers. Tell them you're not interested and not to call again. Hang up quietly.

• **ANSWERING MACHINES.** Consider an answer machine to screen calls. Some models let you listen to the caller so you can decide to answer. Voice recordings may help police prosecute offenders.

• **DON'T MEET CALLER.** Confronting your caller at a pre-arranged location is dangerous. This only works in Hollywood.

The above list of tips was published in the August 1990 edition of *The Ohio Utility Consumer*.

*OPC stands for Office of the People's Counsel, an organization which monitors public utility matters in D.C. on behalf of its citizens. OPC recently sponsored a Utility Consumer Seminar on "How to Understand your Utility Bills." Representatives from the gas, electric and telephone companies "walked" participants through the information and items on utility bills. Also, the general structure of the Public Service Commission was explained.

The *News* did not have sufficient notice to publicize the seminar; OPC might consider repeating it, perhaps on an annual basis. For more information contact OPC at 1133 15th Street, N.W., Suite 500; phone 202-727-2071.

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A Soldier Remembers

So you ask me, an old re-tread student, and a veteran of World War II, do I see anything familiar in our path down the road to World War III?

Yes, and frightening. The buildup of hysteria, the demonizing of Saddam Hussein, our commitment to a point where we cannot retreat, a nation plunged into a war, unable to express its own will. Young men seeing war as an exciting adventure, with weapons of appalling power. Blind to the unimaginable horror of our first nuclear war.

What message would I send to our President at this crucial moment? It is this — remember, these young soldiers, as in World War II, are not just numbers, but human beings, with fathers and mothers, wives, and sometimes children, who need them and pray for their soldiers to come home safe and sound.

ROBERT LEE BARFOOT, SHADY GROVE, VIRGINIA. HUSBAND, FATHER

It is September, 1942, at Camp Lee, Virginia. I am shivering in my classification booth at the Induction Center, time 0900 hours. Outside we hear the shouts of the non-coms, bringing us the new inductees to classify. I read the first form, partly typed in. "Barfoot, Robert Lee, 24, married, one child. Education high school AGCT score 104."

Robert sits down, a freshfaced young man, a little scared, sweating in his new fatigues. We get acquainted, I try to be sympathetic, understanding. Work experience, farmer, clerk feed store, drives truck. No supervisory experience, sports hunting, rifleman. Next of kin, wife Lurene, one child, two years. I was not surprised at the family. It was a standing joke, the headline, "President considers drafting married men." We had been classifying them for weeks.

"Tough to leave a little kid," I said. He shows me the photos so many men carry; I see a serious, attractive woman, Lurene, then the picture of an adorable little girl, quaint pinafore dress, blond curls, a smile to melt a father's heart. "She's only two; she cried, but I held her a little, and told her I'd be back soon." Suddenly embarrassed, Robert shoved the photos back in his wallet.

So I said, "See the sergeant over there; he'll arrange for your family allowance, and if you want GI insurance. And good luck!"

MOMMY, WHY DOES DADDY HAVE TO GO AWAY?

In the next few months I saw thousands of new recruits, counseling some problem cases. Vast, furious activity on the war front. Eisenhower, Commander in Chief, marshalling Allied forces for D-Day and Normandy. As months passed, the massive strength of the Allies had its effect. A parade of names — the beaches of Normandy, Battle of the Bulge, Hamburg and Dresden carpet bombed, Rommel and Montgomery in the African Desert. London blitzed with the Super-Bomb. Stalingrad, millions dead, a disaster for the Nazis. Mr. President, do we want news like this, in the new war? And more and more of the dreaded telegrams, "The War Department

deeply regrets to inform you —." And Lilybelle and so many others pleading,

MOMMY, WILL DADDY BE COMING HOME TODAY?

Short of food, medicine, the barest necessities, still the Germans fought on. But finally, Hitler a suicide in the Berlin bunker, and VE-Day. It was August of 1945. Europe done in, and the Japanese were rumored suing for peace in the Pacific. If President Truman was going to get an answer to the fifteen billion dollar Atom Bomb experiment he would have to act quickly before the Japanese surrendered. So Truman gave the order, the super-fortress Enola Gay dropped Little Boy over Hiroshima. The result, 200,000 killed, many thousands burned and maimed for life. Nagasaki three days later, equally horrendous. The first nuclear bombing of a civilian population, a huge success. Within days the Japanese offered unconditional surrender.

Today, Mr. President, our nuclear weapons are many times more deadly. The Persian Gulf — and the old fields — will be a graveyard. But is this what America stands for?

MOMMY, IF THE WAR IS ALMOST OVER, CAN DADDY COME HOME NOW?

It was midnight on Sunday, and I was returning from a weekend pass to see Dorothy, with plans for our marriage. Hurrying through Union Station I passed the dark cavern of the baggage room. In the shadows, a rough grey wooden box on a baggage cart. I knew this was a soldier's coffin; the Army usually sent the coffins through in the deserted night hours, not to disturb civilian morale. Out of curiosity I went over, to read the tag. Pacific Theater. The name was oddly familiar. "Barfoot, Robert, Corporal. Notification: Wife." But it was the address finally that brought a stunning realization, "Shady Grove, Virginia." Dear God! I clutched the rail of the cart as a tremendous surge of grief overwhelmed me. Almost as if, as part of that gigantic faceless machine, I had helped pull the little arms from around his neck, so Daddy could get on his bus.

YES, LILYBELLE, YOUR DADDY HAS COME HOME, AND HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU ANYMORE.

So I guess that's what I want to tell you, President Bush, that these soldiers are not just numbers, that there are loved ones back home who hope, desperately, that you will let them come home again. All the oil in the Gulf isn't worth their lives, or the lives of our 'enemies', who will die by the millions, from poison gas, and the nuclear war, if you take that fatal step.

And I will be picketing each Saturday in front of the White House, and keep calling Senators and Congressmen who should have a voice. Please, let us talk! Let us have peace, and bring our soldiers home!

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A warm welcome to our Foggy Bottom neighbors!

Why I Support Jack Evans for City Council

By Richard Price

After last November's election, we have reason for the first time in years to be hopeful about city government in the District of Columbia. And soon, we residents of Ward 2 will have an opportunity to enhance the turnover of last November. I am enthusiastically supporting Jack Evans to fill the Ward 2 City Council seat recently vacated by John Wilson, who became chair of the D.C. City Council. Jack is running in a special election which will be held on April 30, 1991.

Currently, there are 18 candidates in the race. I believe Jack is by far the best qualified candidate and the one who can best reflect the needs of the citizens of Foggy Bottom and West End. Jack has a proven record of accomplishments and leadership in Ward 2, in which he has lived for the past 10 years. Let me tell you about Jack Evans — first about his credentials, then some about his platform.

Jack is an honors graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania where he majored in economics. He then obtained a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He now practices law with Baker and Hostetler. Previously he worked in the enforcement division of the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission where he investigated financial fraud and prosecuted violators. Jack is 37 and a member of the Foundry

United Methodist Church.

Jack holds positions in various local groups which have given him credibility with and access to all levels of the City's officials. As 2-term Treasurer of the D.C. Democratic State Committee, he worked closely with Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon. He served on Mayor Dixon's Transition Team on Economic Development. As a 2-term Commissioner on the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC-2B), which he twice chaired, he represented the views of Dupont Circle citizens, including before the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board, the Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. These officials know and respect Jack. He also serves as legal counsel for the Ward 2 Democrats and is in his second term as an appointed member of the D.C. Securities Advisory Commission.

I believe the two planks of Jack Evans' platform which most speak to the citizens of Foggy Bottom-West End are those related to development and safety. Jack successfully stopped five large scale commercial development projects (planned unit developments or PUDs) for the Dupont Circle neighborhood. He has stated that "development is only acceptable when it benefits the neighborhood in which it is going to be placed." He took a

leading role in proposing an overlay district to control development in Dupont Circle. He led a 6-0 vote by the Dupont Circle ANC-2B opposing the proposed massive development at 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue. Jack has stated that the level of the 21st and Pennsylvania Avenue block at Washington Circle (the Pedas project) would never have happened had he been in a position to stop it.

Also, Jack cares about our safety. He held two town meetings at Dupont Circle — one on crime and one on panhandling. The result was cooperation with the D.C. Police Department and increased police presence throughout Dupont Circle, including 24-hour foot patrols.

Jack stresses the need for better fiscal management of the city. Who could better help improve the city finances than an attorney with expertise in finance and fraud prosecution?

Jack stated that he wants to "complete the revolution that installed this new leadership in the District Building." His record demonstrates that he will deliver on campaign promises which are important to Foggy Bottom-West End. Please vote for Jack Evans on April 30th. I have confidence in him.

Price resides in the Westbridge and is Past President of the Foggy Bottom Association.

St. Patrick Festival March 2-30

The sixth annual FESTIVAL OF ST. PATRICK, under the sponsorship of Paul VI Institute for the Arts, will open on March 2, and close on March 30, 1991, at the Institute, 924 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Festival is a celebration of Irish culture with the cooperation of The Washington Stage Guild, Irish Books and Media, the Center for Irish Studies of the Catholic University of America, the Mary Butler Shannon Collection, and Corabbey Linens from the Presentation Convent of Middleton, Cork, Ireland.

This year's special feature will be the American premiere of Brian Friel's new play, *Making History*, a production of the Washington Stage Guild, directed by John MacDonald.

A major exhibition in the Galleries will be "Quilts on an Irish Theme," selected from the noted collection of Mary Butler Shannon and including antique as well as contemporary creations.

Sister Una Burke and Mr. Tony O'Shea of Cork, Ireland, founders of Corabbey Linens, a cottage industry and cooperative, will display their handmade linens. Corabbey Linens of Presentation Convent in Middleton, Ireland, was formed to assist the poor by utilizing their skills at hand work. It is one of the most successful self-help programs in Ireland.

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The Brown Bag luncheon series, held every Wednesday at 12 noon, will feature faculty members of the Center for Irish Studies at the Catholic University of America. Leading off the series is Dr. Mark Scowcroft, followed by Ms. Eleanor Max and Dr. Christopher Wheatly. Dr. Robert Mahony, director of the Center, will close the series.

Irish genealogy is always of great interest. Again this year, the noted authority on the subject, Eileen McConnell, will give two lectures starting with "American Record: The Bridge to Ireland" and ending with "Finding Your Way in Irish Records."

On Tuesdays at 12 noon the Armchair Odyssey Series will feature films on Irish history, art and travel.

All activities are free and open to the public with the exception of the theatrical production, *Making History*. For more information, please call 202-347-1450 or write to Paul VI Institute, 924 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

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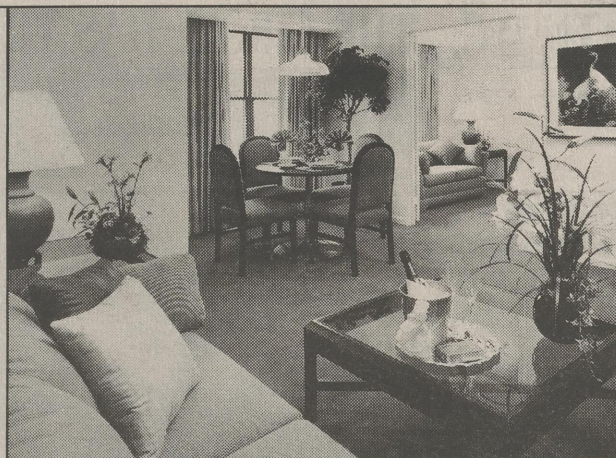
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Crime Report & Prevention

Crimes Against Grime: Part II (Commercial Properties)

By Lawrence G. Myslewski

Imagine standing on your apartment or condominium balcony, taking in a deep breath of fresh Foggy Bottom morning air. You next hear the thrashing of refuse, from your building, being loaded into the truck of a commercial refuse hauler. You see the clean morning air become darker with particles of refuse rising from the refuse truck. The smell is so obnoxious that you have to go inside closing the door and windows. So much for the clean Foggy Bottom air!

This is a personal account of a Foggy Bottom resident. According to D.C. Law 6-100, the "Litter Control Administration Act," this resident has just experienced another example of a crime against the neighborhood environment . . . solid waste, sanitation, public spaces.

Commercial Violators Can Receive Tickets For Sanitation Violations

For commercial properties (including apartment buildings with more than 3 units), violations occur when:

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- Businesses advertise in public space;
- Businesses have obstructions in public space without displaying a permit; and
- Trash is dumped illegally in public space.

District Government Assistance

If you see a refuse collection violation in your neighborhood or would like more information, you should call the Office of Solid Waste Control at 576-7387. Ward 2 has been assigned two inspectors who will check violations, issue tickets if appropriate, and provide violators or property owners with information on refuse disposal and litter control.

JANUARY 1991 CRIME REPORT

The criminal activity reported in and around Foggy Bottom residential areas for January 1991 includes:

Burglaries/Thefts in Homes

1/3 1124 25th St
1/18 900 25th St
1/22 2501 K St
1/27 1008 23rd St
1/28 2555 Penn Ave

Robberies In Public Spaces

1/1 2000 F St 3:48p
1/13 2500 Blk K St 7:05p
1/23 2224 F St 3:30a
1/23 24th & N St 7:15p
1/24 900 Blk 23rd St 9:30p
1/24 800 Blk New Hampshire Ave 9:25p
1/25 1100 Blk 23rd St 10:55p (*)
1/26 2000 Penn Ave 12:45p (*)
1/28 2200 F St 5:45p

Assault With A Deadly Weapon

1/4 905 27th St
(trailers) 10:30p



Simple Assault

1/4 901 23rd St (hospital) 8:07p
1/8 23rd & C St 2:35p
1/27 1215 22nd St 10:50p
1/28 2300 Blk I (Metro) 5:00p

Automobiles

2 cars stolen from lots/garages
5 cars stolen from streets
28 thefts of property from cars parked on streets(*)
22 thefts of property from cars parked in lots/garages

An asterick(*) notes those instances where an arrest has been made.

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New ANC-2A Leadership — A Breath of Fresh Air

There is no other word but "sparkling" to describe the February monthly public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A at George Washington University. Chaired by Commissioner Ed Kelly, Commissioners Austin, Clapp, Maddux, Swift and Tyler participated in a full agenda, and did it with style and obvious preparation, to a delighted audience.

G.W. University. ANC-2A approved (6-0) the university's proposal to enclose an open area at ground level within the Gelman Library at 2130 H Street, N.W.

Georgetown University. ANC-2A agreed (6-0) to send a letter opposing the university's proposed co-generation plant on the grounds that such a commercial enterprise is inappropriate on a college campus and requested that the Public Service Commission take jurisdiction over the proposal.

The Cooper Houses. ANC-2A agreed (6-0 and 4-2) to send two letters opposing the developer's proposal due to the inappropriate scale of the proposed development for these historically-landmarked buildings.

2501 Pennsylvania Avenue. ANC-2A opposed (6-0 and 6-0) the massive proposed development at this site which both demolish and subsume the historically-landmarked apartment house at the corner of 25th and Pennsylvania. Its resolutions will be presented at the coming hearings before the Historic Preservation Review Board and the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

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"The Panhandling Control Act of 1991." ANC-2A will send a letter of support for this proposal, introduced by City Council Chair John Wilson.

The Kennedy Center. ANC-2A will pursue the tramway proposal which has not been abandoned. The Center's Volunteer Newsletter inaccurately stated that the project had been scrapped.

Blackie's. The Zoning Commission agreed to hear the developer's proposal at a 7:00 PM April 22, 1991 hearing at the District Building.

Western Presbyterian Church. ANC-2A will research the move from 19th and H Streets to the former American University Women's Building at 24th Street and Virginia Avenue, N.W.

Next ANC

Meeting

Thursday March 14

7:30 P.M.

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*Notice: From now on all ANC-2A meetings will be held at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel at 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. at 7:30 PM.

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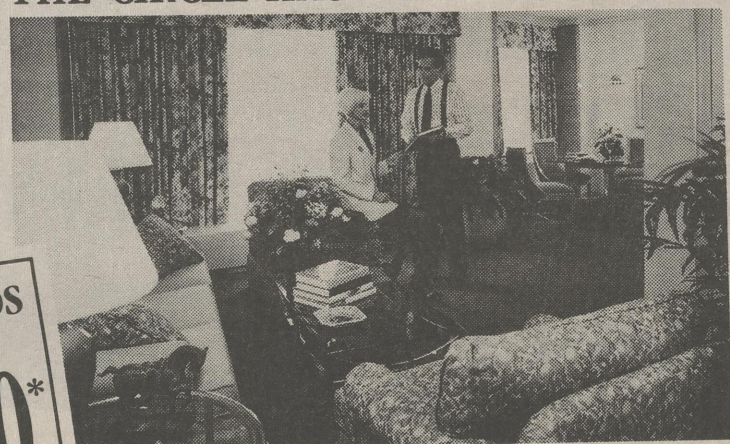
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If you want to make your opinion known to President Bush you can call the White House directly on 202/456-7639, weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm. A summary of callers' comments are given to the President each day.

Did you know that **Raggedy Ann** turned 72 this year but she's still as cute as ever? She was created back in 1918 (Andy arrived a short time later).

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To receive your wage records, you can write, call or visit your local SSA office or write to federal headquarters: Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 20, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. Request Statement of Earnings. If there is any discrepancy, contact your local SSA office.

Most mortgage lenders prefer that **housing expenses** including mortgage payments, real estate taxes and homeowner's insurance not exceed 28% of gross income. Housing expenses, together with other long term debt such as car loans, should not exceed 33% but some lenders are more flexible. And, if you can manage a larger down payment, lower monthly payments will let you qualify for more house with less income.

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could cut your collision premium by as much as 30%. Consider dropping collision coverage altogether if your car is now worth under \$2,000. For other cost-cutting ideas, including a checklist of discounts you may qualify for, call toll-free 1-800-942-4242 for a free copy of "Put the Brakes on Rising Auto Insurance Costs."

Remember how the technology revolution was supposed to help us save time? Maybe it has in some ways, but that doesn't necessarily add up to giving us more free time. Look at these findings from a recent survey of executives conducted by Priority Management Systems, Inc., an international management-training company in Washington State. **Of all managers 85% work more than 45 hours per week**, with 83% working through lunch at least once a week. About two-thirds of them work more than one weekend a month. Some 27% spend less than 15 minutes per day playing with their children.

"What this survey is telling us is that the demands of technology and an intensely competitive marketplace are taking their toll," Priority Management president Dan Stamp says.

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Don't let your youngster drive to school or work. If you do, your auto-insurance company will raise the rates. GEICO considers a student who drives to school three days a week the car's principal driver.

A new **International Arrivals Center** opened at Dulles International in September. The new facility, located at the west end of the main terminal, is capable of handling 2,400 passengers per hour, three times the former capacity. In addition, new pro-

cedures are being explored to allow arriving passengers to clear through customs in four to nine minutes.

It's been a long-held theory that people's **bodies continue to burn calories hours after they exercise**, but latest studies show that's not the case. Researchers at Oregon Health Sciences University tested people after exercise and found that their metabolic rates (calories at rest, remained elevated for only 30 minutes after the workout. The estimated post-exercise calories burned? A mere 20! Don't give up, though; researchers at Stanford Center for Research Disease Prevention in California studied ways to boost metabolic rate. They found you'll get more calorie-burning efforts from your workout if you exercise in the daytime, not at night, and if you get all your muscles moving and your heart pumping for at least 40 minutes.

Lower airfares are available for older travelers. If your parents are planning to visit more than once over the course of a year, they (or you) might consider buying a coupon book, available to senior citizens ages 60 and over several airlines, including United, Northwest, USAir Delta, and American. Each coupon is good for one person for a one-way flight (some airlines have mileage limits), and prices are competitive. United, for example, sells a four-coupon book for \$384 (\$96 per trip) and an eight-coupon book for \$640 (\$80 per trip).

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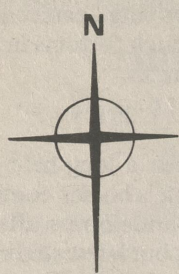
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On The Northside

By David Fothergill-Quinlan

Looking Good Department: The Shoremeade Apartment House at 2517 K Street has recently installed a burgundy canopy and applied new paint to the hand rail. Also of note are the ever-blooming pansies in the front garden of the Bader, 2515 K Street.

There has been continued grass roots support for an appeal of the Board of Zoning Adjustment's height ruling at the proposed Cooper Houses development, 2521-2523 K Street. Reversal of this ruling will right the excessive height granted to the developer because he complained of economic hardship, although he never officially filed for it. It is a dangerous precedent that should be corrected in order to curb runaway height of building development in the future. For further information, or to contribute contact Foggy Bottom Association President Elayne DeVito at 202/828-8112.

Truly amazing was the dedication and reception at Columbia Hospital for Women, February 5th. The event marked the 125th Anniversary of the Hospital and the opening of its new Ambulatory Care Unit. Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon addressed an

audience of 200 people and the event was also attended by Ward 2 Council Candidates Jack Evans and Jim Zais. In addition, ANC Commissioners Clapp, Kelly and Tyler were present to wish the hospital congratulations on the new wing. Carmen Corri of the Ambulatory Care Staff was an attentive hostess at the reception which was exceptional. It was catered by the hospital's



Mayor Dixon speaks at Columbia Hospital dedication; hospital president G. Patrick Kane appears at the left.

chef and offered a baked ham with mango and pineapple, a whole smoked whitefish, assorted fruit and sandwiches, and a pasta bar where individual servings were prepared by the chef. The hospital has always made an attempt to involve the community in its work. Congratulations and happy anniversary.

Sunday, February 3rd, Ward 2 Council Candidate Jack Evans was hosted at an afternoon gathering at the home of Robert Niemec at the Westbridge. Mr. Evans also spoke at the Candidates

Forum at the West End Library, February 2nd. In attendance on Sunday were his chief Foggy Bottom supporters Barbara Kahlow, Bob Charles and Anne Lomas, among others.

Speaking of Ward 2 Council Candidates, it must be gratifying to Jim Zais to see several other candidates picking up on issues which he introduced early in his campaign to help the many diverse districts which make up Ward 2, "The Gateway to Our Nation's Capital." His position on development, citizen participation in government process, the ANC process, and the homeless, have been handily incorporated into several platforms. Jim Zais believes that if these vital issues and relevant content surface across candidate lines, then the people of Ward 2 will benefit, regardless of who wins the election.

After only one year with us, we are sad to hear that West End Librarian Diane Mohr is leaving the 24th and L Sts. branch. We are, however, glad to hear that she has been promoted and will be transferred to the Martin Luther King Library, where she will work in building up their collections. Although with us just a short time, Ms. Mohr worked diligently to reinstitute the Friends of the Library, and to bring new and interesting programs to the West End Branch. In January, the library hosted a film on Dr. Martin Luther King and began a multi-week on-going sign language course attended by 25 people. It is good to see the Library once again serving the Foggy Bottom

THANK YOU From the Women's Board, GWU Hospital

The Women's Board of The George Washington University Hospital wishes to express its grateful appreciation to the Foggy Bottom community for the support given the Board's many projects, particularly for its patronage of the Lobby Gift Shop, open seven days a week. Board volunteers and members include many Foggy Bottom women who donate their services on a regular basis, thus contributing greatly to the shop's successful operation. All profits from the Gift Shop and the Board's other projects are contributed on an annual basis to the hospital or to other capabilities of the Medical Center. The largest contribution usually goes toward the hospital's acquisition of new technical equipment. Other donations are made annually to the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library, Social Work Services for Patient Assistance, and other hospital-related causes. The Women's Board looks forward to continuing its services and to your continued support.

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Community. Best Wishes, Ms. Mohr, on your new endeavors.

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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, February 25: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, St. Paul's Parish, 2430 K Street, N.W., 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27: Lisner at Noon concert, Music Without Bounds presenting selections from opera, operetta and musical comedy. 12:15 p.m. Lisner Auditorium, 21st and H Streets, N.W.

Thursday, February 28: Lenten Piano Recital, by Tim Gualdoni, featuring Poulenc, Hadyn, Granados and Debussy. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. 12:15 p.m.

Friday, March 1: "Vintage Delights" wine-tasting benefit for American Cancer Society. ANA Hotel (formerly the Westin), 2401 M Street, N.W., 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$50. Phone 202-483-2600. Included will be the auction of some 50 items, plus door prizes (one is a weekend trip to San Francisco).

Sunday, March 3: Organ recital with commentary, "Johann Sebastian Bach as Theologian and Teacher," by Dr. Stephen Ackert. United Church, 20th & G Streets, N.W., 4:00 p.m. Event free; donations accepted.

Sunday, March 3: Concert by the GW Community Orchestra, conducted by William Wright. Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W., 8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 4: Concert by violinist George Steiner and pianist Francis Conlon to benefit the Steiner Scholarship Fund. Featured will be Brahms, Faure, Stravinsky and Debussy. \$10 general admission; \$5 students/senior citizens. Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5: Luncheon with guest speaker J.W. Marriott, Jr., chairman and president of the Marriott Corporation, who will be honored as "CEO of the Year." GW's University Club, Marvin Center, 3rd floor, 800 21st Street, N.W. \$20. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5: Slide Lecture and Booksigning by Tee Loftin, featuring her research into the events leading up to the selection of the Potomac River as the site of the capital. She will also sign her book, "Contest for a Capital." Historical Society of Washington, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. HSW members free; non-members \$4. 6:00 p.m. reception, 6:30 p.m. lecture.

Thursday, March 7: Lenten Organ Recital, by A. Graham Down, Director of Music, featuring selections by Muffat, Peeters, Handel, Bach and Franck. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 10: "Welcome Pierre Party," presented by Historical Society of Washington,

D.C. in cooperation with the D.C. Bicentennial Commission. Celebrating the arrival 200 years ago of Major Pierre L'Enfant, the "guest of honor" will be joined by Benjamin Banneker and Andrew Ellicott, who surveyed the land for the nation's capital. Major L'Enfant will field questions at a press conference about his plans for the capital. Georgetown Park central atrium, 3222 M Street, N.W., \$17.91 including buffet; cash bar; reservations required. Phone 202-785-2068.

Thursday, March 14: Lenten Organ Recital by A. Graham Down, featuring selections by Walther, Selby, Stanley, Lang and Rheinberger. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 14: ANC2A Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Call 659-0011 for location.

Tuesday, March 19: Meet the Candidates for Council. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. Focus will be on the candidates who reside in areas close to Foggy Bottom. 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 21: Jenny McKean Moore Reading Series, featuring Mark Strand, Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry for the Library of Congress, and author of eight collections. Strand has also authored books on art and children's books as well as three poetry anthologies. Room 405, Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, N.W., 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 21: Lenten Organ Recital, by A. Graham Down, featuring selections by Raison, Kellner, Sweelinck, Hindemith and Bach. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. 12:15 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, March 22-23: Contemporary Dance Concert, with Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane & Co. The company will perform "The Last Supper at Uncle Tom's Cabin/The Promised Land," and will feature the music of the Julius Hemphill Sextet with decor and costumes by designer Huck Snyder. Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H Streets, N.W. \$18-22. Phone 202-994-6800. 8:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, March 22-23: GW Opera Theatre presents "Joperdy," a performance with audience participation based on the game show Jeopardy. \$6 general admission; \$4 students, faculty, staff & senior citizens. Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. 8:00 p.m. Also Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Through Tuesday, March 26: Exhibition of H.I. Gates' sculptures inspired by samurai costume, as well as works on paper by Fuller Griffith. Dimock Gallery, 21st & H Streets, N.W., lower level. Tues-Fri: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sat.: 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.

Local Sculptor Opens Show

Pamela Soldwedel is a local sculptor living in Foggy Bottom at the Watergate. She recently completed a commission for

almost two tons.

Closer to home, her "Vaulted Images" exhibition is at the Security Storage Company of



Gosnell Properties, Inc., which is now installed as the focal point of the atrium in the International Gateway Building in Tysons Corner (Vienna), Va. Carved from Tennessee pink marble, the sculpture *Ishtar* stands over 7 feet tall and weighs

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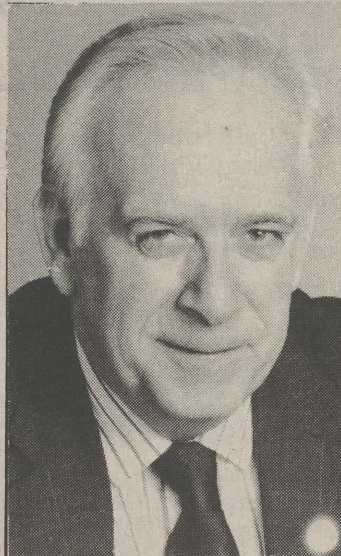
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From By-Gone Days

Foggy Bottom Then and Now
By Charley Rogers

(From March 1964 Foggy Bottom News)

An illustrated article published in the February issue of THE WASHINGTON MAGAZINE NOCTURN features "Foggy Bottom — from Gaslight District to Townhouse Elegance" by Edward T. Folliard, White House reporter for the Washington Post.

When Folliard was a boy and young man he lived with his family at 626 - 23rd Street, N.W. in a house that stands today as it did then. He and his playmates — other Irish boys and lads who were Jewish, Negro, and Italian — swam in the Potomac River and hunted snakes on Roosevelt Island. Eddie attended Grant School and George Washington University, went to Mass at St. Stephen's Church.

It is said by a contemporary that Folliard has the only pure Foggy Bottom accent in daily use — examples, "poo-leece" for police, "Deetroit" for Detroit.

What brought Foggy Bottom international attention, according to Folliard, was the removal of the State Department from the old State, War, and Navy Building on Pennsylvania Avenue to its present site at 21st Street and Virginia Avenue during World War II. Reporters liked the "quaint and delightful name" of Foggy Bottom and began to use it as a metonym for the State Department, in the same way that the foreign offices in Britain and France are referred to as Whitehall and Quai d'Orsay.

"Moreover", adds Folliard in his article, "Foggy Bottom is

becoming famous for elegance, an area that is to be adorned by the National Cultural Center bearing the name of John F. Kennedy, a handsome new bridge across the Potomac, lovely homes and apartment houses on the waterfront, and much else to enrich this Queen City of the Western Hemisphere." Folliard goes on to say that this area was destined for greatness because both Washington and Jefferson envisioned great things for it.

Before we were called Foggy Bottom, our area was known as Hamburg and Funkstown. Hamburg was laid out in 1769 by Jacob Funk, who named it

for his hometown in Germany. Folliard thinks it began to be called Foggy Bottom because of the "miasmatic vapors" that arose from its swamps, but we have talked to old timers hereabouts who assert the name is derived from the frogs that croaked in the backwaters at the mouth of Rock Creek, hence FROGGY Bottom, foggy becoming foggy by simplification, after the frogs disappeared.

Foggy Bottom in the early days had a reputation for toughness, as full of feuds as the Tennessee mountaineers. But if it was tough, according to Folliard, "it also was religious. The area abounded in churches. Bearded rabbis moved from one Jewish home to another on Saturdays. On a Sunday evening the melodious voices of Negro evangelists could be heard for blocks. Catholic boys who missed Mass at St. Stephens even had difficulty getting their more devout pals to talk to them."

There were two breweries in Foggy Bottom in those days — Heurich's and Abner-Drury — and these attracted German brewmasters and their families to the community. These breweries have long since disappeared, as have the large gas tanks used for the storage of manufactured gas. When the gas tanks disappeared, following the advent of natural gas, it made Foggy Bottom "all the more desirable as a place of residence, and the area began to get the Georgetown treatment," as Folliard concludes.

"What had been run-down shacks and shanties were reconstructed and made into handsome homes. Snow's Court, once an alley where razors flashed, became a prestige address. In short, Foggy Bottom is now fashionable and expensive."

SIDEWALK TALK

By Betty Olsen



Ellie Becker has been gallivanting around these days. Went on a business trip to New York City overnight and then for a long weekend to Atlanta to visit kinfolks, with a lot of time spent admiring a new grand-nephew.

Sorry to hear that long time resident, Ms. Pearl Gilliland, died in November. She had resided in Foggy Bottom over 30 years and had two sons and numerous grandchildren who survive her. Some of you might remember her husband who owned a mattress factory in the good old days on Seventh Street.

Also visited with Claire Ciftci and Nikki the other day. Ciftci was telling me that Nikki, her tea cup size white Poodle, decides where they were going to walk daily which alarmed her sister who visited one time because Nikki would start out in one direction one time and another the other time. She was afraid that Nikki would get lost.

No way . . . Nikki knows his way to and fro . . . every route in Foggy Bottom — so just follow the leader, he could walk anyone safely.

Visited with Sandy Fitch the other day on the sidewalk of Foggy Bottom and she was sporting a big and beautiful bouquet of yellow ribbons. Fitch has three nephews serving this country in the Middle East. Recently her sister called and told her to look on the front page of *The Washington Post* There was one of her nephews pictured along with other GI's in front page news coverage.

Tom Chakeres headed for a break from it alto Gulf Shores. Had never been before and the Gulf Coast is a must for a traveler, it is so special, don't you agree, Tom?

Dr. Rosemary Tofalo Bowes of The Westbridge talked with families of Operation Desert Storm recently as part of a telephone hotline program sponsored by *USA Today* and the American Psychological Association.

She used her skills as a coach in human relationships to help children and young adolescents address their fears about the war in the Persian Gulf and U.S. involvement there.

Dr. Bowes, a licensed psychologist who has practiced in Foggy Bottom for 14 years, grew up in a U.S. Navy family. She currently provides focused problem-solving for adults through a process called "Coaching to Clarity." Her office is located at 2300 M Street, N.W.

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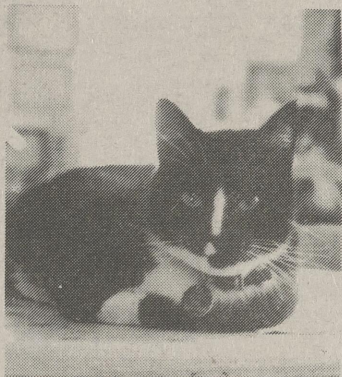
First of all, I wish to thank my many admirers who play with me on the sidewalks of Foggy Bottom and pick me up. I also wish to thank the many motorists who stop or slow down their cars when they see that I wish to cross the street. Sometimes they must blow their horns to make me get out of the way, because I am given to daydreaming and sit down in the middle of the street, pretending that it belongs to me.

Did you know that recently I almost went to Chicago? A moving truck was standing in front of the Plaza building and graciously provided a ramp for me so I could walk up and explore its inside. It was dark and cozy with blankets on the floor. But when heavy furniture was brought in and pushed around, I decided it was safer to move out and trotted down the ramp. I learned only later that this van's destination was very far from our neighborhood.

Another time I was running back and fourth in the hallway of an apartment building and could not find a way out. I don't know how I ever got in there with all the security precautions they have. A gentleman found me and called my mother to come and take me home to our little house. I am very grateful to him. Of course, I wear my mother's phone number around my neck. I do this because I love her, but it comes in handy sometimes, as you see.

You already know that I cannot resist an open door. I must walk in, because I am very curious by nature. I believe that

open doors should stay open, so that I can walk out again, should that place prove disappointing. The other day, I had a bitter disappointment. Somebody closed



a door on me. I spent a terrible night in an empty house with no food, no litterbox and no people. I tried every door, every window, every closet to find a way out. In desperation, I started to cry and meow in an effort to awaken the neighbors. When daylight came, the neighbors appeared at a window and rattled at the door. Then they disappeared for a long time. At last they came with a ladder and attempted to let me out by an upper window, but it would not move. They tried the door once more. I chased upstairs and down and up again. Finally, a downstairs window opened by a crack just big enough for my head to come through. Once my head was out, I would twist and wiggle so the rest of me could follow, and thus I slipped into the arms of the good neighbor and he passed me on to my mother.

I could tell you more about my many encounters with birds, mice and other cats, about my visit to St. Mary's Court and to a hairdressing salon. These stories must wait for another time.

With a grateful meow,

Susie

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BIZZ BUZZ

By Betty Olsen

Lisa Bierbaum, who put together New and Improved College Guide, has named **Charles Puffenbarger** as one of the four best professors at George Washington University. Bierbaum wrote the well-read preppy handbook about eight years ago, you might recall. The guides are sent out by the Admissions Offices to thousands of prospective students. When I heralded Puff's recent claim to fame he demurred "Well, actually I am one in three now since one professor retired."

By the way, when you join **the Foggy Bottom Association** remember that a membership for each person is \$10; not \$10 a couple or a family. You join individually, and if you haven't already, please do.

NBC News has been talking to Channel 4 anchor **Doreen Gentzler** about doing some occasional assignments for network news shows if she can find the time. Her recruitment is part of a campaign by NBC News to find promising correspondents from among the staffs of not only its owned stations but also its 210 plus affiliates around the country.

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Your cast-off eyeglasses could restore the sight of a poor African farmer and help build houses in his village at the same time. The connecting force between these two events is **Vision/Habitat**. This nonprofit organization offers the glasses to needy people in developing countries. The nominal charge for each pair of glasses goes to fund housing projects in those countries.

Vision/Habitat is an arm of Habitat for Humanity International. This organization based in Americus, Georgia, started out recruiting volunteers to build low cost, no profit homes in the United States. The homes are built in partnership with low income families.

When Habitat for Humanity began working overseas, organizers found that many local people couldn't pitch in because of vision problems. Eyeglasses are only for the well-off in many developing countries.

Vision/Habitat can use all the glasses it can get. If you would

like to donate an old pair, send them to: Vision/Habitat, Habitat and Church Streets, Americus, GA 31709.

Ricki Gerger, Vice President and manager of the Prudential Preferred Properties' Calvert Street Office, announces that **Michael Mears** has joined her staff of sales associates. Mears, an associate broker and graduate of the Real Estate Institute, is a five-year resident of the D.C. area and a licensed sales associate in both the District of Columbia and Maryland. Mears is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has also taken courses at American University and George Washington University.

George Washington University President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg wants to establish closer connections between the University and the members of the Foggy Bottom community. **Jane Lingo**, Assistant Director of University Relations, is the liaison with GWU's neighbors. Lingo is the campus news editor of the *By George* newsletter and **Debra Duff** is the editor. Their editorial mission is to bring readers news of GWU people, programs and events, including a calendar of events they hope will be of interest to Foggy Bottom residents. The University Relations Office, GWU, Washington, D.C. 20052 will mail you a copy monthly on request. Or if you want to call for whatever reason dial 994-6460 or -6466 between 9:00 and 5:00 Monday-Friday.

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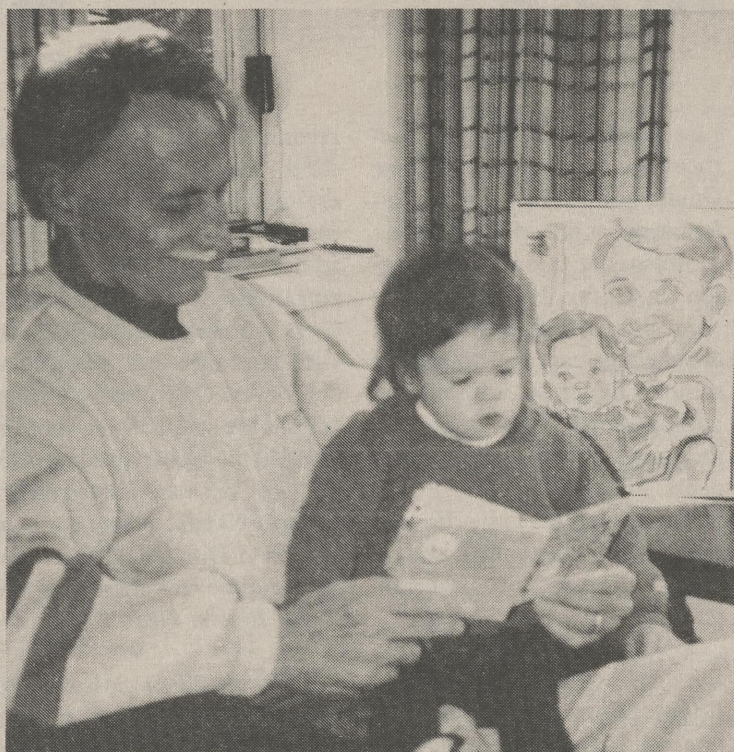
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In today's society it is no longer uncommon to find a "Mr. Mom." But a "Mr. Grandmom???" **Teal Vickers Patterson** has one. After a long, intense, and sometimes groveling campaign — including some trial runs — **Pat** finally convinced her parents, **John** and **Kay**, to leave her in his care while they work.

Teal is actually a Foggy Bottom native, having been born at the Columbia Hospital for Women just thirteen months ago, and the third-generation Patterson to "take up residence at the old homestead" on Eye Street (actually a fourth taking into consideration all the time her great grandmother spent at Pat's over the years). Kay was also a Bottomite for several years before her marriage to John. Some longtime residents will remember Teal's older brother **Zak** who also spent some time here. So, her ties to the Bottom are both broad and long.

As the first-ever Vickers grandchild — and the first Patterson girl born in more than 30 years — Teal has been much in demand and has spent a lot of her first year traveling up and down the east coast visiting with other proud-as-punch relatives



"Pop" and the beautiful Miss Teal.

as well as entertaining many of them visiting Washington.

"Pop," who took an early retirement two years ago, considers it his duty and privilege to spoil her rotten, but is being thwarted because he says the more he tries, the sweeter she

gets. Must be in the genes! Although Pop is quite protective of her, he is encouraging a budding relationship with the little charmer two doors up the street, **Tom Van Horn**, who is four months older and already has eyes for her!

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On a typical day, citizens call 911 nearly 4,000 times and less than half of those calls are of an emergency or life-threatening nature. In many instances, and particularly during peak hours from 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., citizens may receive a recording if all of the police telephone operators are busy and the call cannot be answered within three (3) rings.

Our task is to convince the more than 2,000 citizens who call 911 daily for nonemergency assistance to call instead either 727-1010 for police or 8DC-HELP (832-4357) for other District government agencies.

Most people understand that an emergency is life-threatening and for fire, ambulance or police service, they automatically think "call 911."

We think people would agree, however, that a car blocking an alley or driveway, a loud party, or a minor fender bender cannot be accorded the same priority as an armed robbery in progress or an assault that has just occurred. The former situations are non-emergency in nature, while the latter are clearly emergencies.

Citizens tell us repeatedly they do not know a telephone num-

ber to use other than 911 for police service. That is why we will be mounting a public service campaign to publicize both 727-1010 and 8DC-HELP.

The Metropolitan Police Department is certain that more lives can be saved and that citizens will receive better emergency service, if we can discourage them from dialing 911 when they do not need it. We need to reach as many District residents as we can, as well as area residents who work, shop, and visit the District of Columbia.

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